

I understand the FCC is considering a petition (04-160) from the NAB to block XM satellite radio from broadcasting local weather and traffic. It is very important to the physical safety of our employees that XM satellite radio continue to broadcast local weather. We request that you not grant the petition.

Our company, Corridor, Inc., is a school improvement company. We travel to very remote schools in the southwest. Often that involves travel over mountain and dirt roads. Our satellite radio is used primarily to keep our traveling employees informed regarding weather conditions. It is the only way we can keep informed about rapidly changing mountain weather in the winter.

Very few local radio stations provide quality weather reports in our travel areas and when they do there is no consistency in time so "tuning in" to the local weather is not a viable option.